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INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (ICAR) AGENDA
Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 1:00 p.m.

Virtually via Microsoft Teams

Physical Location Option Available in Montpelier, VT

**To join in-person or for virtual public comment, please email ADM.Secretary@vermont.gov
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- Welcome and introduction of ICAR membership changes:
 - New appointments by Governor Scott on December 23, 2021:
 - Chair Doug Farnham, Agency of Administration
 - Member Brendan Atwood, Agency of Human Services
 - Resignation effective January 13, 2022:
 - Dirk Anderson, Department of Labor
- Review and approval of the minutes from the [December 15, 2021](#) meeting
- Note any additions or deletions from the agenda
- Public comment
- Note: The following emergency rules were supported by ICAR Chair Farnham:
 - ‘PUC Emergency Rule 2.600 COVID-19 Emergency Disconnection Rule’ by the Public Utility Commission, on January 4, 2022.
 - On July 15, 2021, the moratorium on gas, electric, and basic telephone disconnections was lifted in order to encourage greater participation in the Vermont COVID-19 Arrearage Assistance Program II (“VCAAP II”) and the Vermont Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance Program (“VERAP”) that distribute federal funds. On June 15, 2021, the statutory moratorium on water disconnections was lifted. The VCAAP II stopped taking applications in October 2021, but the VERAP continues to take applications until September 2022 or later. This rule encourages continued participation in the arrearage and financial support programs available to utility customers and provides enhanced consumer protections to customers who may be experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19.
 - ‘Emergency Administrative Rules for Remote Hearings for the Board of Medical Practice’ by the Agency of Human Services, Department of Health, on January 6, 2022.
 - The proposed rule establishes the process for the Board to conduct virtual hearings.
- Presentation of the following proposed rules:
 - 1) Immigrant Health Insurance Plan, Department of Vermont Health Access
 - a) This proposed rulemaking establishes eligibility, enrollment, services, and appeals for a new, state-only health benefits program titled "Immigrant Health Insurance Plan." This program was created by the Vermont Legislature in Act 48 of 2021 to establish hospital, medical, dental and prescription



drug benefits for children under age 19 and pregnant individuals who are not eligible for the Dr. Dynasaur program because of their immigration status.

2) Rule 3: Medical Cannabis, Cannabis Control Board

a) This rule will regulate the use of therapeutic cannabis in Vermont. The rule will regulate patient access to cannabis and cannabis products and will regulate the dispensaries that provide cannabis and cannabis products to patients. These activities are currently regulated by the Department of Public Safety (DPS). They will come under the purview of the Cannabis Control Board in accordance with Act 164(2020) and Act 62(2021).

3) Rule 4: Compliance and Enforcement, Cannabis Control Board

a) This rule provides the enforcement mechanisms, procedures, and penalties for the Cannabis Control Board's rules regarding the licensing and regulation of commercial cannabis businesses and patient access to therapeutic cannabis.

- Other business
- Next meeting date: Monday, February 14, 2022 2:00 PM
- Adjournment

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